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Attorney Docket No.: DEHN 2 00004**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (SMALL ENTITY)**

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| Ser. No.: 09/857,012 | Filed: September 14, 2001 | Examiner: Paul B. Prebilio |
| Art Unit: 3738 | Title: STENTS FOR BLOOD VESSELS | |

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is a (an) Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee(s) has (have) been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | Claims remaining after amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | No. of Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Rate |
| Total Claims | 21 | Minus | 20 | 1 | X \$25 | \$25.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 4 | Minus | 3 | 1 | X \$100 | \$100.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | = | \$125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No additional fee is believed due however, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. | | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Payment for the filing of this Amendment and/or any appropriate extension of time fees is/are authorized to be charged to a Credit Card. The appropriate PTO form 2038 is enclosed. If the Credit Card is unable to be charged, please charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. If there are any additional fees required by this communication, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. | | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a one month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. | | | | | |

Respectfully submitted,

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November 1, 2006

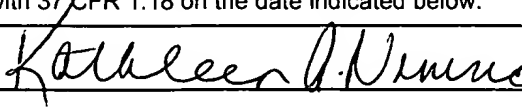
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